



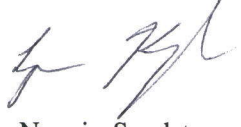
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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Specialist 

RE: Site Inspection, Ash Grove Cement Co., Navajo Sandstone Quarry, M/023/010, Juab County, Utah

Date of Inspection: April 1, 1998
Time of Inspection: 11:00 am
Conditions: cloudy and cool
Participants: Alan Finch, Duane Wise, Ash Grove; Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To determine reclamation success prior to Bond Release.

On February 5, 1998, the Division received a request for bond release for the Navajo Sandstone Quarry. This inspection was conducted to determine whether success standard have been achieved to allow the Division to release the reclamation surety.

Vegetation at the site was sparse, with a visual estimation of about 50% of the surrounding vegetation cover (noticeably less than the required ground cover to meet the reclamation success standard). It did appear that a diverse stand was establishing. It appeared that the highwall had been reduced as instructed during the Division's last inspection on May 23, 1994. A Review of the file back in the office revealed that the site was revegetated during the spring of 1996. This indicates that three growing seasons have not passed and that the request for full bond release is premature. However, it may be possible for a partial release, due to the completion of the regrading, with the Division retaining the amount for revegetation costs. I indicated that this partial release could be processed with the letter already submitted and that Ash Grove would not need to submit an additional request for the partial release.

Several photos were taken to document the site conditions.

cc: Alan Finch